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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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- 50. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8 wherein amino acid residue 155 is arginine or glycine; amino acid residue 158 is alanine or proline; amino acid residue 373 is valine or alanine; amino acid residue 511 is cysteine or arginine; and amino acid residue 654 is asparagine or lysine.
- 51. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a mature form of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8 wherein amino acid residue 155 is arginine or glycine; amino acid residue 158 is alanine or proline; amino acid residue 373 is valine or alanine; amino acid residue 511 is cysteine or arginine; and amino acid residue 654 is asparagine or lysine.
- 52. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 7 wherein nucleic acid residue 472 is adenine or guanine; nucleic acid residue; 481 is guanine or cytosine; nucleic acid residue 1121 is thymine or cytosine; and nucleic acid residue 1566 is thymine or cytosine.
- 53. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence that is the complement of polynucleotide SEQ ID NO: 7 wherein the nucleic acid residue at position 472 is thymine or cytosine; nucleic acid residue at position 481 is guanine or cytosine; nucleic acid residue at position 1121 is adenine or guanine; and nucleic acid residue at position 1566 is adenine or guanine.
- 54. (previously presented) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 50.
- 55. (previously presented) The vector of claim 54, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said polynucleotide.
- 56. (previously presented) A cell comprising the vector of claim 55.
- 57. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polynucleotide of claim 50 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
- 58. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 8.
- 59. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes arginine at amino acid residue 155.

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- 60. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes glycine at amino acid residue 155.
- 61. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes alanine at amino acid residue 158.
- 62. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes proline at amino acid residue 158.
- 63. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes valine at amino acid residue 373.
- 64. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes alanine at amino acid residue 373.
- 65. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes cysteine at amino acid residue 511.
- 66. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes arginine at amino acid residue 511.
- 67. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes asparagine at amino acid residue 654.
- 68. (previously presented) The nucleic acid sequence of claim 50 which encodes lysine at amino acid residue 654.